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For: F<sub>0</sub>F<sub>1</sub>-ATPASE AND DNA ENCODING THE SAME  
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**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-234317, filed in Japan on August 2, 2000.

A certified copy of the above-identified Japanese patent application was submitted on July 9, 2001, in prior application Serial No. 09/901,884, filed July 9, 2001.

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